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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES, METHOD AND KIT FOR DETECTING LISTERIA  
MONOCYTOGENES BY NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION AND/OR NUCLEIC ACID  
HYBRIDIZATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to examination of the above-identified  
application kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite claims 4-9 and 12 as follows:

4. (Amended) Nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1,  
characterized in that it is present in single-stranded or double-  
stranded form.

5. (Amended) Nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1,  
characterized in that it is present

- (i) as DNA sequence or
- (ii) as RNA sequence corresponding to (i) or
- (iii) as PNA sequence,

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